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SPD and ATF Join Forces, Suspect Gets 24 Years

SHREVEPORT, La. -- As the result of good old-fashioned police work, Shreveport Police Officers, Agents from the Shreveport Police Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Joint Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force have investigated, arrested and prosecuted a 24-year-old narcotics dealer to serve twenty-four years behind bars.

Contrell Antoine COLEMAN was arrested on January 06, 2004, after patrol officers investigated a complaint of an armed individual dealing drugs in the Allendale area of town. Officers and a Shreveport Police K-9 Unit were given permission to search an apartment where the complaint originated. The search revealed approximately 73.1 grams of crack cocaine, a 9mm pistol and an AK-47 style rifle.

COLEMAN was found guilty in a jury trial in August 2004. On December 16, 2004, US District Judge Tom Stagg sentenced COLEMAN to 295 months or about 24 ½ years incarceration with the US Bureau of Prisons. COLEMAN will have to serve most of his sentence, since under federal guidelines parole has been abolished.

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